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Dear Dr Aguilar:

For reasons set forth in chapter 31 of Robert Kennedy and His Times and by John Newman in his book Kennedy and Vietnam, I am reasonably sure that Hilsman, Bundy and McNamara are right in saying that Kennedy would never have sent US ground troops into Vietnam and would have found some means of withdrawal from Vietnam by 1965. I do think, however, that Johnson in proceeding to Americanize the war did what he honestly thought Kennedy would have done. But I do not believe Kennedy would ever have done it.

Sincerely yours,

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